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March 10, 1938

Dearest Mumsie: (Hsiao Lui Chuang)

Just a note to enclose the letters for the La Grande & Baker Presbyterials. I haven't the addresses out here — a few I do think of Baker but you'll know — to whom to send them. I hope they will see them in time for Spring meetings if there are any —

I am not waiting to write much to you as these will fill the letter pretty full & this country post office may not have weight —

They are rather bad typing — but my style — even so I thought it would be easier reading. Hsiao Tzu has been practicing on the machine so he's making me a copy of one — so I may enclose

all of them + you send Baker + Grande Ronde the best copies + use them poorer anyway you may have occasion or put them in the waste basket. They may not appreciate the struggle it takes to write! I resolve over + over to get expert with the machine but so far my time + interest have been on something else + then when I get into it again I see the need —

Hope you dear ones are well + are not worrying at all about us. for we are safe + well — A funeral these days has kept us here longer —

Much love — dearest ones

Irene

P.S.
I write most of this to Clarksburg + Seaview + Battle Ground

Change of address: Miss Annie Thurman
4001 Mayfair Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Hsu Lun Chuang
March 20, 1938

Dearest Mamie Mine + all;

The Rev. Tam is going to Soochow tomorrow + likely a letter from there will go very directly, so I'll write some this Sun. P.M. + visit a bit. I mailed a fat letter by coach to Soochow the first of week with typed letters for Baker + Grade Rhode but only a note in it for you.

Yesterday your Jan 29 letter came out. Since Miss Tai brother's return + his living in my servant room he gets the mail from Ruth + forwards it on so I get some very now + then; It is so nice too to get them that way. Ch now went to get his little girl yesterday + brought back the mail to me, I have four letters to go thru + answer! my! it must be going to rain - It is getting so dark. The sky was red streaked this a.m. - so likely it will. Sixth Sister-in-law's son - only son - was married Thursday + it was just like late Spring so warm for three days - but colder again today. That surely was the wind tempered to the storm lamb! The bride's home is up in Manchuria. Was with a relative in Soochow - the relative went to Soochow for medical treatment + in meantime all had to leave Soochow so she came near here with a distant relative - to avoid the trouble. She had no money + the relative was grumpy about her eating there.

2) So they began to find a marriage suitable for her. This boy Ai Tzu has been so particular & none of the suggested ones suited him, But this one did at last, anyway they are married. She is a beautiful girl & very charming in manners so all are pleased with it. She had no clothes & all the things that the girls family prepares so she borrowed a wedding dress - It was an single garment & tight to wear anything under it — so it was fortunate indeed it was a warm day, & also yesterday when she had to go in her bridal dress & go from house to house of the close relatives to get acquainted (non-Christians have to ancestral tablets) & each family gives her a money gift (these visits always cost me a $1 a bow!!) They fixed her room here very gaily with many borrowed things of recent brides so they got thru these days when there are many guests & she has to sit in her best clothes rather on display for all to see, Truly a bride life is like a comet — just girls first with not many or nice clothes or anything - then suddenly to have whole new outfits of bright, lovely things & furniture & nice bed covers, pillows, roses etc — & to be the center of attraction for three days. Then it sinks in Then comes on during her first year Her importance ^ but not so very much! She comes home for the year & leaves her presents & flowers for the year. Then she falls into the routine of life, A brilliant star for a few days! Not so different from our brides in essence but in a different setting.

3] The groom has more prominence than here. The musicians are waiting while he dresses + then while the red silk festoons are being draped over his shoulders + left in streamers at the side, they play more gaily + all the family mostly women - little + big all crowd around to watch the performance. Then he goes after the band to each home where he bows to the elders (to non-Christians it is announcements to ancestors that he's going for bride), the band plays + he goes with the best men the rounds of homes - all come out + watch this too. Then when he's finished he gets into the bright red silk festooned chair to go for her! Then afternoon he returns - but then his less important all want to see the bride!

There were over 100 people there at sixth sister-in-laws for dinner - !! + on second day - guests + third day another possible 80 =! She's pretty weary today but the big event of her family is over now - + she did it all very nicely!

Close relatives on the third day carried big baskets of enormous big white loaves of bread 3 lbs each! + the "four" of each family was on the size + whiteness of the loaves + whether they have cracked or not!

Three days have been full - two wedding + a funeral in the family!

Hi There surely is something unusual about our getting off to that Pioneer village! We planned to go as soon as my cold got better - I thought 3 or 4 days — My cold lingered on. Then when we were ready again it rained + again miss Tai Bratton (cousin) died + we had to wait for that, then there was a time between that + the wedding to go - they preferred we wait we were going to another village those days + I got a cold again so here we are still - Tomorrow we're to go - but looks like rain again + we must first see whether they will take the responsibility as there have been some upsets + skirmishes with Japanese + mobile troops not far from there — Miss Law just came in + said — "Well, — "Wu Chia Lun" what is it anyway; We can be sure He will work it out tho' So much has since Feb 19 - I tell Mrs. Law She surely is in bad luck to have us here so long. She just set her foot down on my going before I was well —. So you see Law will cared for I am! I just reread your thanks to miss Law — that you prayed for all that are kind to me — in translating it I used the expression in Bible where God said to Abraham "those that bless you I will bless + curse you I will curse" — Miss

5] Jan laughed & repeated the second line after I said your prayed for those kind to me —— She said to tell you not to curse those who are unkind! ha! —— Please aren't any so you'd not need to even if! ha -

I think I told you that the grape jam mrs Jan got for you in Jeping this summer, It was intended to be your gift on my furlo from her but in August when everyone was trying to dispose of valuables etc she decided to mail it on- The ring is mine - the one I had at home - I want you to enjoy the things but don't give them away - They are yours but don't give them away! Tell Aunt Callie to ask Earl to mail Madame Chiang's book on to you. He was to but has likely forgotten. It will be so glad to post him if you wait for him to bring it!

Mother you might send that account of the wedding that has the little red cut-outs pasted on it —— which we sent to Asia Magazine - to Miss Annie Sherman, Chattanooga - her name is on the list. She has 4, 5 + 6 grades in school in Bible + thinks she would like it - Ask her to return it - Thank you so for sending out the reports. It is real a help!

Yes, Miss Saxton writes me - I wrote her in answer to her Christmas letter;

Warren wrote again recently urging my leaving China — rather mildly tho' —

6/ He was married. I was glad he cared enough to be married but sorry he hasn't the peace + faith you have to trust it to God! I had written him a few weeks before. He gets the Board bulletins too. Sorry about the strikes - Hope they will soon be settled!

That was so nice for you to have a visit at Sisters + I am grateful to them for being so nice to you. Winfield has surely done exceptionally well with his Sport reports - $10.00 + live cents! If this week, he ought to be able to help himself thru college, That is nice that you can do the hospital visitation. So Margie is taking Willamette. It would be surprising if Bessie let her go far. Margie too a great home girl. That is nice! Mrs. Thompson, I guess to whom Mary refers was in Eugene + I just met her once at a gathering. She spoke of Mary - Hope Cal. will fit Mary up famously! Too bad about the floods. Hope that Guild Mission visit hurt in Los Angeles - The movie actress's loss would not be so much of a loss for the good of the world,

Had a letter from Mrs. Mack + she said she wanted to enclose $1 for the car — now in your letter from her she says she wants to make it safe! I laughed for she hasn't analyzed it! Mrs Jay says it looks like a chicken skeleton all the meat picked off, nice last of Oct - but it will last around nearly places! Shake Mrs. Mack - I'll wait for drippy!

7] Have you got "the Jewish Hope". Such encouraging reports of a new attitude on part of the Jews - that is surely a "Heaven" sign of His Coming back!

Mrs. Mack wrote such a nice letter. She is praying for Paul F. She suggested Wednesday & Thurs. Mrs Churman's letter yesterday said, too. Mrs. Mack says she'd like to give as small sum each month. Well see, there are quite insuperable obstacles, as may see it, Indeed which must be cleared & at present a passport - nor communications with Honolulu to get a China one - it would be a pretty bitter pill to have to go under a Japanese passport - but all of these difficulties were known to His when He began with the plow - One night as I presented all of these difficulties to Him - there came the clear promise "I will make all of thy mountains a way". We have searched hearts over & over for any alien motive other than for God's glory keep testing it with that - Everything that is purely utterly for His glory comes within the realm of His will so then it becomes a question of faith its claim His promises, — a question of faith. Faith has been tried some but I expect it will have to be more yet. The

life of George Müller has been a wonderful help + inspiration these days. And Mrs. Mack mentioned it in her letter + the very things that have been coming to us here. + now Miss Thurman's letter as another encouragement! Are we witnessing the gradual unfolding of the plan of His will + of the growing faith to make it open — We just must wait + watch in reverence for it will be a miracle!

The rain has begun + heavily. Wuchia Dam? — well He will perfect it — It may be we are to stay here for the present. Must must love, my dearest ones!

Martha Wylie goes home July 1st this year, Dan may go earlier than June. Mrs. Dawkes the bad kidney out — after years of suffering It was all foul + limpy. They were sorry to have waited so long! She has hopes now of being really well again — She will have to limit herself somewhat for one kidney's strength —

There are 3000 refugees at Mission Compound at Wuhsien — Martha has been there sometimes with two other women — a Dr. + evangelist — thru it all, I'll endose her letter ——

Bye — getting dark. Must love to all —— Ever Yours

Wu chia Tun, Laino
April 1, 1938

Dearest mother + all:
Two letters came out to Hsu Lin Chuang last week Feb 4 + 11. Hsiu Tzu brought them monday when the station writer came from Tsingtao with letters from all there + goes back tomorrow so Hsiu Tzu will come this P.M. for our letters to take to him. So I have a little time now after morning meeting + before dinner to write a note anyway — and to let you know that we're well + safe. I'm short of paper — had to divide my supply between yours + the stations letters.

That is surely a fine woman's class 58. We're here in this village of 100 families — a pioneer village — I almost forget what big churches are like! So nice to have Mr. Sutcliff for meetings. Was that the padded jacket — that I thought you'd use as a bed jacket? I'm glad they liked it!

I'm Mabel living with her husband or

3] then they haven't dared enter their compounds!

I am surely glad you had such a nice visit with Emmitt that week - If he has Oregon City on his schedule he will be going to be with you often.

Maria Masters - It was she who went with us to Crater Lake wasn't it? + Ray had to try out his patience as she had to lie in the front seat — Remember how she said "no harm burned" Everything just the same. Hope she did not suffer.

So "Trippy" is giving you all a good laugh — Her mission in life is widening! I haven't seen "Leo" since Nov. but expect she hasn't improved much! She's a good joke!

This village is an offspring of the village opened 3 years ago. You recall that Fr. Corbett gave a mission 40 yrs ago + it finally bore fruit in that family of 40

24 alone with Clyde - I rather re-
call a divorce Am I right?
Elisabeth will soon be finished
Your new pen works well! Yes
just keep the old address!
We've had to have spring clothes
but still do not seem felt
led to go in — risk of food -
& waste of time — A messenger
will take them to Miss Strunk
at Saimo city & we can send
for them there. I sent her
a check last week & she will
be my bank — I can send for
money from her - They go into
Saimo & their mission executive
goes back & forth. The J.....
search them but the last time
she just refused to be searched
& went by saying "I'm American
She's li hai a bit (Chinese for fierce.)
The J. - entered her house & took
something but they managed to
protest to high officers & they
got them all back & since

believing. This man's relatives believed at that time & has been true thru persecution + his brother has believed + wife + children. Only his mother can't quite give up the worship by paper + incense — but she will come eventually! Two girls who just want to believe so much are just watched by their mother like prisoners! another woman fears her husband — another husband + so the parable of the seed + soil is just lived out again in life — There are several old men + a couple of young men who seem on the verge of confessing Christ as Saviour. All the persecution + hatred Satan can heap up! Praise Him He is Victor. At night there have been most quiet attentive crowds — last night had the joy of telling the cross — probably first time they'd heard that in detail — Think of darkness all these years! There will be maybe 20 Christians here — That (Baus) village is like Joseph's tree whose boughs hang over the wall.
Three or four new villages have new believers from there. Old Mr Sung came to see us this a.m + what a joy it was to see him + hear his testimony as to the change in

April 1, 1938
Wu Chia Sin -
at Dark -

Dearest mumsie;

Just a note in haste
Hsin Izu brought the letters
mailed Feb 18, 25 & March 3 —
Your Feb 18 th said you'd enclosed
$20.00 check — it wasn't in it
I hunted quickly thru the letter
thinking you'd forgotten to enclose
it but each one only said to
be sure to tell whether your
letter reached me — the letter
but not the money. I see it
came thru Shanghai - I heard
years ago that mails were sometimes
tampered in Shanghai — Well,
inform the bank to stop payment
if possible but if cashed in
Shanghai it has had a couple
of weeks head start —
I thought — it is the Lord's

money + can't up to utters — but
Satan has a few reasons to try
to hinder so it isn't surprising!
That would change for, at
least $66.00 + more —

Now I'm on with the letters
+ then I opened yours — I'll
send a messenger early a.m. with
this for Mr. Chi to enclose in
to catch him before he leaves -
yours letter — Here I'm out
of paper + of envelopes —
(I can get them in Tsingtao don't
send that to me)
So will have to ask Mr. Chi
to open + reseal the envelope.
Of all these years this is the first
loss. Please thank Mrs Swinney
my! I'm sorry for her sake!!
Thank her — the organ was pretty
her gift — Thank her very
much — I have a feeling it
will be all safe. You didn't
drop it out there anyplace — I've
searched here to I had it moved from King

his family-law they'd fought before & he was at the end of his writs (He is the one who had had 80 lawsuits which he now says are 80 lawsuits of sin.) He said he used to think his could just do anything (!) His appearance now ever. at 98 — is that of a refine dignity & poise —) but God had to bring him to a situation which he couldn't manage in order to see himself!
What joy mine had seeing all of these dears ones — my! won't heaven be a joy to be able to see ones from all over the world & tell of His loving grace —

Miss Fan sends her love — I'll try to think of something for her —

Time to get ready for P.M. —
Much love dearest ones!
Please do pray for us —
we need His Resurrection
powers to flow thru us —

Love — Irene

Hsuo Lin Chuang
April 19, 1938

Dearest Mother mine:

The big church services (two) for the day are over & I have visited with callers & family here for a while - so I've just lighted my lantern to have a visit with you dearest ones!

We came back Mon. from Wuchia Tien & have had a little rest & have had classes in session two all week. The letter went in Sat. for our clothes but they haven't come yet - We can't quite figure out why they are delayed so long tho. Hsiu Fen went to the P.O. village this p.m., but hasn't come back so can't tell. We ought to be off - this is such a good time not cold nor hot, to be out! If they don't come soon we may have to make other plans.

Spring has come. The wheat fields are getting a lovely green, violets are out, apricots are in bloom & the peach tree in the yard will soon be a lovely pink bower! Because there rooms have a north entrance we've had a shelter put up to keep out the wind. Yesterday took it down so it seems more like summer. Tonite the wind is cool again so we're glad the curtain is still up; after church this a.m. I went out to a graveyard that has pine trees & had a lovely time in the silence looking at the fields & trees - that is as much silence as I could have. It just

2] isn't done + it was inconceivable to the few folks who saw me go as to why I was going! A lady with a baby followed to ask me + a little boy brought his bird cage to hang on the trees. When the woman had to go, I heard her discussing me with another who'd come out to see if her son's wife was coming up the road. Seeing me she had to come to inquire, & then she went, I finally got behind the last grave (big high mounds) + leaned against a tree in the sunshine. After a while I looked up to see a crowd of children squatted in the field at a distance watching me. I outstayed them, however; I could go it here (go out to sit) because of being well known + can slip out thru the wall nearby + not many can see me. Last week I wanted to at Wu Chia Tien but didn't dare! Women running about out in fields & boys working + sitting in graveyards! Just isn't done!

The matters of Mrs Tan's sister-in-law brought fragrant arbutus & a nice big mirror for a wedding present so Mrs. Tan had to fix a big dinner for them. Tang Mei is to be married this Friday — She has everything all done. Because of the upset conditions she will go with Sixth Sister-in-Law to a relative's home there at groom's home + they can go that short distance safely enough but it is 15 miles from here, to go in the bright red chairs —

Isn't it wonderful how God has so cared for all of us — It is just like tucked in the clefts of the crags — excitement + fear + troubles are around us

3] but were surely been kept. I am just so grateful for the deep peace He has given you thru it all!
Miss Lou sends her love. I'll maybe get something for her here. I can't think of anything now. I saw an add for a new book "Chiang-Kai-Shek by Madame Chiang in this Moral Moody. Have you seen it? I imagine it is very good!
In daily reading those promises - "according to His glory — riches — strength have big faith strengthens for me - glorious riches! May He keep our hearts all absolutely seeking His glory + not anything else in the plans for Wheaton + all. I am just beginning to comprehend + to be able to sift out my motives! How difficult it is not to have a mixture of other things in the motive + call it for His glory! Most of my love been tainted pretty badly. Utterly for His glory - if our motives are - then we can claim all of the promises and ask for the "whatsoever"! The experience of Trippy taught me very clearly that.
You've done so well to write so often. I don't think I've missed any letters at all. Am so glad too!
I hope Retta has had a nice visit there + that a loving welcome will be a witness to her! Glenn's here as ever now - that is nice.
I wonder about the check. I believe it's lost; that is it a matter of Satan's hindrances - There has just been a barrage of them. Not surprising at all but we just know where they came from + Who can overcome them. I had not read your letter until after

4) Hsin Tzu had gone + the sent a messenger early next
A. M. to get the writer, Mr. Chi, to open your letter +
enclose it. I wrote to Shanghai the Treasurer of fice
to trace it but can't tell; I have a feeling it will
be found or something! No it would't have taken
me in. I'm afraid I'll not get in to see Mary Van
off! but can't help it I guess. I looked again the
the envelopes for the check (I'd looked carefully a dozen
times — miss Yau laughed at me) ! I still hope
you forgot to enclose it. - Elsie message came to
Portland - my heart still doesn't accept that
as final — just wait to see what Hsi will
finally plan. It would be possible for Paul to
hire unit you + go into the hut so for that
doesn't seem to be the hut. (I mean to check -
just wait for Him! We just keep checking
our motives, taking His promises! It is His responsibility + I do care!!

April 2 - I suddenly decided to come in to Jinsu to see about
the clothes + money so tonite I'm with Mrs Strunk +
going in tomorrow in her car to see Mary Van. before
she leaves the 29th - Hsiao this one chance + will be
back in her car leaving 3:30 P.M to get back here
by dark — + then on back to Hsu Lin Chuang —
The clothes were here + letters + the $66.67 which you'd
sent by Postal money order at last!! So rest your heart
yes I got it safely + after all my thinking it was lost!
Buying for brides today — + will tomorrow —
Much love to all! Just a note to close
up letter + get it off tomorrow but I'll not
have time to write — Much much love
Irene

Sd It was wonderful - we had no slack after it - tho the train was abit upset that night. We prayed that miss Stunk not worry over our delay + she didn't! It was surely sweet of Him to keep her as it's late to have her worried after being so nice to us. It was such a help in Jonglooto clear the car -

I had a good sleep + aft the next a.m. made special badges on my legs to take the mail money I had — for fear of trouble on the road but we arrived without the least incident —

Tomorrow wire off again for a couple of weeks + then come back to go to Pingtu county -

Nice letter from miss Soxton -

Bye dears ones — lots of love — Drew —

Xx end of letter missing

Hsu Lin Chuang
April 15, 1938

Dear Loved Ones:

You've had the letter I mailed from Linglo two days ago — so know I made a dashing trip in to Feimo + am in for day in Miss Struthis car. Glad a big welcome — big rush + quite lot done in spite of the few hours. Got there at 10 — went to see Miss Hsu — saw the burned mills + houses — now being repaired somewhat + saw my first Japanese soldiers. I was a bit amazed, I'll admit to my shame, when ordered out of the car by a Japanese soldier + he searched Hsu Tzu + Mr Shih. We got by without further trouble. It was so good to see Miss Hsu! She's helping in refugee camp near her home. Her mother was able to walk a bit the day I was there — she's very frail + not well. Miss Hsu is putting in time on organ + learning to ride bicycle besides. We surely do miss her!

Mary has had basket + etc since her operation but plans to sail April 29. I was glad for many reasons that I went in! Van ached me as soon as I got in the door what I'd like to eat! She had nice buns — baked with pineapple + a fruit cake — saw Ruth + kiddies — Carol only — Gardner wasn't home yet. Ella Gerhardt went to bank + P.O. + market for me so I could go to the dentist before lunch. Got crown broken filling repaired + watch crystal before lunch.

In my letters was this funny one! I'll enclose it

J. strange isn't it that you have a double that her initials are Mrs E. J + has an e at the end - Ruth had a good laugh at me. That was looked off in such a rush.

Also in that mail was one from Wheaton! It is wonderful - in nicest spirit + all. They are giving Paul ½ tuition scholarship + sent the credentials for passport + all. I'll quote a bit, March 14. "We have had some corresponding with Mr. Cedar, but have not as yet received the applications from his sons. It seems quite likely that we shall be able to accept them, but I am not at all sure that Mr. [redacted] could find an opening in this vicinity. I am sorry that we are not in a position to assist along this line. — Re a home — "I feel confident that we will have no difficulty in finding a home for him where he will feel at home and where he will receive the help + encouragement that he needs." All of the prayer power has been answered so far just as we've asked. No letter yet from Mrs. Warner but according to that one if she doesn't they will find a home for him. I still think Mrs. Warner will go - just see his plan.

I can't still feel that his whole plan is complete yet re the twins - maybe I'm over anxious - but it would mean so much to have their companionship + help in adjustment + all the first year which will be the most difficult I'm afraid. I've been wondering whether they could apply for half-tuition + then for some one

3] loan basis for the first year & if that could help. If they're going there anyway it would be much nicer to begin with their class & go on there - If they could go the travel & all of those problems would be solved - I'm not looking only from Paul's side - tho I do see the need & the help for his sake. If you ask from Hymers for the scholarship & loan & also say that you're trying to get them there this year for Paul's sake, as I've already written, I'm sure you'd get it. If Mark should go & they could all go in his car - the how much it would save all of them - or with Ray took them. I got up last nite to pray over this & the clear message that came was "He is waiting to be gracious". Lula, honey, He will not forget your abandoned loving giving to Him, not that He answers for our merit - but it's just not the kind to forget - We got boat schedules while in & the July 8 from Kobe seems to be the latest on he can go on - Martha Wylie will be on it - but it lands at San Francisco - I'd planned on Lewis Ames meeting him & sending him down to you folks - the train fare will be much more from San Francisco - The schedule they gave only had S.F. & no Seattle

4 on it at sea. We can see later. That boat arrives in S. F. Aug. 21. She might be someone on vacation to Cal. & met him but that will see! later - Sept 11 this week to be there —

I've just looked at schedule — Martha goes on S.S Cleveland & gets to S. F. Aug 6. So that will be earlier than necessary for U.S. maybe. This will see. However a few weeks just learning English & of time to adjust before college would be good — I'll see there maybe boats going to Seattle — This whole thing is too utterly impossible apart from God & the way He seems to be working it all out it surely is of Him. He is placing something big I am sure especially from Satan's efforts too — but we will just wait to see His glory. It has been very thrilling to see Him working it out!
Satan's work — to try to thwart God's plan
We had some excitement on leaving Taigtoo. We were passing along XX mills & a XX truck came by & gave us such a swipe on the front axle that we went spinning to the ditch & high cement wall on the other side. It was deliberate & intentional — But for a tree which we went over & broke under the car, with its top coming out just between the fender & running board and on which we hung — we would have had a bad accident! The XX men lost their workmen out & cut the tree & pulled us out — no injury to car beyond fender !! Miraculous!

Hsu Lin Chuang

May 1, 1938

Dearest Loved Ones:

Back again after two weeks away & expect to go on Tues. to Pingtu County. We came thru P.O. village but it was closed — but I have sent in enuf for the letters which I felt sure would be there - Sure enuf there were two from you & other mail. They were Mar 24 & 31 & Carrie Waterbury's enclosed. What is she doing in Centralia? You just mentioned Ida Elta's visit - How long did she stay & with you Mother?

Good for Robert & Margie — that is nice for them — great great aunty! here — I still do not feel great!

Thank you no I don't need any knitting done — I've everything I need for country & foreign clothes. I'm quite determined to buy nothing now until time comes to fix us clothes for furlo which will be in next year about this time - I'll have to repair country things some but

even that I will do very little of!
Yes, I'm well again, quite entirely!
Good for Richard, I hope he gets
something at the contest - I'm so glad
I proved of them. I wondered whether
the P.E.P. stocks might pay if turned
into gorit owned - but you spoke of
giving them away to gorit! Yes, I surely
too wish they would pay - It would
solve a good many questions maybe.
Well, He is more dependable than
many stocks. In this week's reading
there was one on the "glorious
uncertainty" - uncertainty which to
many is a cause for alarm - to the
one in Him is "glorious". Not that
God is uncertain. He is certain but
just how He will work out each
situation is uncertain. Just how He
will come in is uncertain but He
will come in & gloriously!
May we keep our motives
pure - only for His glory -
& in faith keep looking to Him!

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May 12, 1938.

Dear Friends All:-

"Frank, I should like to go to heaven for just one week, where there is no brave suffering soul and no bad man or machine which causes the suffering." This was my last word to Frank before I went to sleep one night this week after a whole day over in the ruins of the Chinese city where the brave of all the earth are settling themselves to the task of taking up life again in the face of every sort of difficulty. On this day I went to bed with heart and head both sick and as I closed my eyes the words or the scenes I had witnessed during the day insisted in marching in review before me. I go over there twice a week now to take whatever help I can bring.

The city you may know was burnt. About one-fifth of that most densely populated city is standing.....It is back to these burnt broken piles where home used to be that once self-supporting, independent merchants are returning. They do not yet go back unless all their resources are exhausted, for the foreign soldiers are still there in control....They pile up the broken burnt bricks to make a shelter from the weather. From everywhere they gather a few broken bits of poles for rafters and then a bit of scorched sheet iron and so a little hut is made. Or perhaps a bit of matting is stretched over bits of walls that were left standing....

I saw one man who bore every evidence of being a business man, though his trousers were all in tatters, digging in among a great lot of burnt bricks. I asked what he hoped to find. He struggled to hold back his tears while he explained that it was the site of his rice shop and that he was in hopes he might find a little of his money among the ruins, but it was a vain hope. He was also piling up the brick to make a bit of a shelter for himself. A widow with two sons who had had a shop on the northern side of the city had rushed out, with a few belongings and her two boys, to the safety of the International Settlement. Then, as the excessive rent was eating up her reserves too fast, she went into the Chinese city and with what was left opened up a still smaller shop. Then it was that all she had was burnt. She and her two sons fled with nothing into the safety zone. But I shall weary you with these stories.

A doctor goes in with me twice a week to give free service. Lack of food is reducing the resistance and disease is everywhere. Beri-beri is appearing now because there has been no fresh vegetables to eat with the rice....But the amazing thing is that these people have no defeated spirit. Ages of suffering have taught China to endure. They inspire me with their courage though they make my heart ache.

I must tell you about the first time I went over to these victims of the war machine after the American Consul had secured for me the necessary passes from the military authorities. I had been told I must under no circumstances attempt to go in alone....So it was arranged that a big Russian should meet me at the gate and escort me. He wasn't there when I reached the iron gates. It was Easter time. The thought came to me that I did not really believe Christ was alive and with me if I was afraid to go with Him along those streets, deserted save for Japanese soldiers....I must confess I was timid as I went up to the first bunch of sentries. They did not look as if they were just pleased to see me, yet they did

wave me on. Then I went along the once busiest street of the Chinese city, now the only living being in sight until I came to a pitiful looking Chinese police. I asked him if he thought it was all right for me to go on alone. He looked me over and said since I hadn't much to be stolen he thought I might get by with it. After some time I came onto a group of Japanese soldiers and went straight up to them. Now with each step I seemed to feel assurance of Christ's presence. They were surprised to see me there with them alone. They called out and there was a long conference of which I understood nothing. At last I asked, "All right?" "All right," replied one, "too bad I can't talk English." "Too bad I can't talk Japanese," I replied. At that we all laughed as though it were very funny, "One word I can say," and I gave the word for "good morning." We were friends at once and that stage was over.

On further still in no man's land, save for soldiers, I met more fixed bayonets. I went straight up to them as though bayonets were my great friends.... One of the sentry ordered me to stand right where I was and he ran off down a side street for another officer. The returning soldier was followed by a higher officer who read every word of my pass, asked a few questions and, still perplexed as to why I should be there, motioned me on. It flashed on me to give them some oranges from my bag. How they did like it! And the higher officer said, "Thanks very."....After a bit I reached the part of the city where Chinese have begun to return. Just one here and there were to be seen. At the Institute where we have over 100 men and women working among things discarded by others converting them into usable articles, they were all amazed to see me show up alone. I told them all, when they stopped to rest a bit, about Jesus walking down the street with me. But how unworthy I should have been to face those brave ones or to talk about Jesus had I turned back at the gate!

I was sitting among them afterward as they went back to convert rags into mops, etc. and was getting their stories when Mrs. Boone came into the room with some flowers, just a few. "Flowers," gasped the women, "haven't seen any for nearly a year!"....Over in our Presbyterian compound, about a half a mile away from the Institute where the Boones are camping was a wisteria, a bower of beauty. Mrs. Boone and I decided that the neighbors and workers must come to see it. So we boiled water to give them and let everyone sit on the grass. Like starved people, when they saw the grass, they patted it and thanked Heaven for the sight which for nearly a year they had not seen....None of these people know anything of the theory of religion as we do, but some way they seem to understand so readily and God seems so close to us. They are so eager to learn all they can and get all they can from Him. I have never met more responsive people....

I am receiving most interesting letters from officers who became Christians during their hospitalization in Shanghai. Someone has said while this war has set China back materially who knows how far, it has moved her forward at least 50 years spiritually.

Sincerely,

Aimee Millican
(Mrs. F.R.)

Oregon City

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, China
May 29, 1938

Dear Mother + all;

Well, back in Tsingtao after trying from may 20 finally arrived on may 25 — to get here just at the ten-day conference for which I came in began — that evening — I had quite an experience — but nothing very dangerous - just got within 15 li (5 mi) of where there was fighting + surprised them all at mission by going back — rested a day + then went again by another road + got to a bus — + here in Tsingtao as they were having some excitement here at Station — that is over now tho it has taken a couple of days to get it settled! I'll not go into details as I want you to get this letter — to know that we are safe + well The conference has been on now the fifth day + with this week it will be finished. Many more came than I thought could — 40 — the 70 were expected but travel is too difficult for them — all who came to come the trouble — several old ladies walked 15 miles or more — roads torn up + no buses. Others came by bus but arrived here late at night after much trouble. There is a good spirit throughout it all — there would be from that kind of spirit to get here

I have a class each day in the Christian Home & I have to apologize every day — for I'm not really qualified to discuss much of it — not having children etc — but as long as the Master blesses that is enuf.

Hsiu-Tzu came in with me — & were eating at Ruth's, H. J. is getting his training in table manners — foreign table service — use of proper spoons etc. We had an exciting P.M. ordering suits & overcoat & buying some things — Still there are mountains — & we were rather seeing the waves yesterday — but so clear came the encouragement "You can never walk on the water if you look at the waves" so we're going ahead — I'm eager for news of you all too — looks now as if the Canadian line landing at Vancouver would be the practical one — perhaps only it possible as it goes into Shanghai & that avoids a landing in Japan, — which would be very healthy I fear — Gardner will get the passport if at all possible in Shanghai as he is going thru Friday, —

Mummie mine, I'm weary a bit — had big church service this A.M. & over at conference — a big week ahead so I'll go to bed but just send love & kisses & you'll have word that we're well —

— Your, Irene

Ningtoo, Shantung
June 7, 1938

Dearest Mother mine!

These busy days have sped by! Ten days since I came in. Sent you a wee little note in transit but have not written since. Beginning after ten days of executive meetings of the mission that takes up each day - 9 12 & 2 - 4:30 - with meals sandwiched in! Am now just back for a meeting of the finance committee meeting at Mr. Van Hamm's this P.M. June 8 - That is as much as I got done yesterday & its same time of day only next day - I came on to the church a little bit early & have written that much - now three members have talking so your letter is taller without hope I fear - but I'll keep on adding a bit when I can &

Now back home for a few minutes - before supper I'll try to write. Thain Izu & I have a lot of typing to get out for executive comm. tonight but since he's not here I'll write some more. There is so much going on & so busy & if I can't write

down to properly visit it seems so unsatisfactory that I am always tempted to put it off + off! But there's no use seeming to be a clear slate ahead anyway so I'll dash a bit —

Mrs. Lewksbury's mother died very suddenly in Shanghai + it has been quite a shock to all — Gardner got there for the funeral however + it was the first experience of death in that family — so it wasn't easy.

I have a pile of letters — must answer — nice to get your curtains fixed up. Mrs. Faure needs some attention but hasn't had a record — here I must even get my furnings rinsed + packed up yet — foggy days + rain + busy! Like Lucy Lusk at Tuk so don't return till rate rain. Mrs. Conradt's cook is supposed to be fine — this going to help out thru the busy summer — will be nice to have an experienced one for a change.

You've had a letter that I'm here in city, so you likely aren't worried about us,
Trust Emmett could be with you.
Good for Richard + his prize! So good that they are so fond of each other + all!
Wonder how your P & P. came out. I hope the mills can open soon + make things better!
No news of Earl's coming here yet. Heard that they are cruising in the South Seas,
My! how I praise God for Emmett's new release — for the tobacco is not itself such a sin as a symptom of a spiritual condition — So many have had this experience here — a new spiritual step + their seeking a new cleansing with it + new power + release!
Here it is Sunday the 12. I've arrived this dry day to meetings — Now I'll write some + mail at least something so you'll get a word at least!

Now I didn't hear from Robert about Judith, Judith Forsythe — not so bad Judith's before in Forsythe circle eh? That was neat to send the dress. Glad not be sure about sending anything now. I'll see.

Yes, I saw in "The Pendleton Light" about that terrible "tape" marijuana — Motherwell thing I've heard of pretty tape too can really do something about it! You haven't said much about the Etta's visit. Fine for George to have such honor + a scholarship! I hope this will somehow draw him closer to God — Self realization, self-dependence + sufficiency are often guides on the opposite road tho. Don't let Mrs. Mack worry about "Hippy" That is sweet of her tho. I found Hippy's tires all flat — so I let it bleed her out — The days have been so full Ida Chine conference + now Dave

I'll meetings all day + typing at night is how so take up time that I've not had Time to the Pat "Trippy"! I just had to laugh with the Master this a.m. as he showed me "Trippy" with an inexperienced driver & all the uncertainties of road — compared with a fine big powerful engine + an experienced driver — as an example of "faith". —

How like "Trippy" type my faith often is! Just not sure of what is ahead the next corner, barely getting up the hill, maybe even apt to hurt someone en route — or hit the policeman (I made with someone in a "trippy type" car just learning to drive yesterday + later in a big, powerful car with a fine driver so my illustrations) making other people in the car breathless + on a strain themselves —. Compare that to a great powerful car, with

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an expert driver & the ease with which one can ride. God's power is there in abundance but in our actual experience how often we fail to take big faith His power & might & rest on it — We're uncertain of next turn, fear the "differential" may drop out etc! or fault that leaks out like the oil from the engine! May we have the faith spirituals by the calm, experienced, powerful car, sure of our source of power & clean that that power may fill us! I'd endorse the latest witness of Mme. Chiang's - This is surely a testimony — see how God is bringing glory to Himself thru all of this! May the witness of Chinese christians somehow touch the Japanese & bring them to Christ. I'm writing some things I can't mail. Martha will mail them — there.

7] Mrs. Van Horn has gone. Lone is there now in Okla. Van + Dick leave June 19. going by way of Europe. so I guess you'll not get to see them now. at least not this time - It may be their return + my going might cross -

So nice to have Sarah's letter + hear of little Irene. Glad so glad for Sarah's happiness + improved health!

Nice you had a trip to Sisters with Callie - trip a little too much - well hurry - don't overdo! I want you to have a lot of strength to go places with me!!

Mumsie dear, I must write to Roberta Lewisburg Presby - to try to comfort her a bit for mother - to write cousin Anna -

I'll stop now - we're getting Paul ready — possible sailing July 24

Vancouver — Aug 8 or 10 — I'll write later. My! I do wish you folks could meet him. I think you may see wletter Anna can't run up to Vancouver & put him on the train to Portland — you could meet him there. I'll enclose his passport picture. You'll be able to recognize him —

Will you write to Anna too about her meeting him — maybe you need not — but if it should be that Ray's could drive up & The turns to meet him it would be better still but if they can't I think Anna would —

Must close much love —

dearest ones, —

At last written!

Devotedly — Love — Irene

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
July 5, 1938.

Dearest mumsie Mim + all:

I'll start a visit with you tonite - Received two letters from you yesterday - one from you + one in Emmitts; I was so glad to get them! + to hear of Margie + her high marks etc - What a sweet child she must be - I'm sure you're all proud of them all - the twins + Margie. Where will Margie be going next year? To Senior H.S. I expect. She'll have one more year, I'm sure the Swopes too are very proud of her! Congratulations boys of the greyapps + gaitns, I'm so proud of you + your records!

I see I've a few ~~letters~~ no yet gone thru - may 18 - 20, 28, June 8+9. I expect I'll gotten most of your mail too - glad mine has gone thru.

I don't believe I've written since my return. You know I went to take an organ to a Mr. Chang - the piano maker rescued from suicide last Spring — He bought this organ + all year with me gone to country he wasn't able to get it - to him nor he able to get it. This Spring a man said his melancholia had returned, but he felt it he could only get the

organ held me well! I promised to do my best to take it to him. Came in May 25 ten days conference, then ten days mission executive meeting + a week about on Paul's passports etc - then we got off with the organ at last. We got it to Hwo Lin Chuang + here Miss Tan had heard the sequel to the story. He is quite one of the most wealthy families of his village + his brother was called on to give several hundreds of dollars several times - for the support of their local militia. He just must have had a crazy strain in him. He killed several hundreds of acres of land, + buildings in Laiyang etc - he got in jail (this the brother) + killed all of his own family + then this brother who wanted the organ + his wife - six or seven folks, - a woman carrying a baby hid under the mill - he couldn't find her - then he killed himself - That is all that is left of the family, this one woman + baby! We left the organ at Miss Tan's + came back. It had rained so that the return seemed rather uncertain - but I rode a mule + Paul walked in the mud - + we just made a bus in time.

3] We were gone just six days —
that gave Paul a last visit home,
+ we at least kept our promise to
the man was dead!
The guerilla forces had a celebration
in that place while we were there —
third just by cooperating in one night
turn up the R.R. that the —
+ interrupted communications for several days —
are running. So they had a celebration
+ were addressed by Jarvais leaders.
I had a chance to witness to them:
Jim: have been so busy since my
return — the details of Paul's going:
I can't possibly give all of them +
the marvelous way step by step
that God has opened the "waters of
the Jordan"; We started getting
things ready while Gardner Lewthwaite
went on with passport in S.
I think I've made many trips to consulate
+ letters — each time God has pre-
pared someone to take them too —
+ sometimes difficulties seemed
big, but each time God seemed
to get right under.
The biggest + last mountain +

4) it was one was he had trachoma
this all thru the months has been a
faith tester — his part in medicine
but while we were a (t. s. c. his
nurse sister showed us + it
was very plain + he cursed fast
it — Sat. a. m. we went
to Ptr's for examination — we
prayed + went — the trachoma
is gone. The Ptr. is the best in eye
+ of course his reputation is at
stake — we never said anything
to him about trachoma. When
he'd finished he said, all right
Send specimens — come Wed. for
certificate. Yesterday when we
went I asked about his eyes —
"ah, his had trachoma, There is a
little redness left after the
healing". This same nurse sister
saw them nine + she exclaimed
in surprise when she saw the
healing. To me they have been the
gideon's fleece — if god wants
us — to go + that he would heal
them as a pledge of being in

5) ~~His~~ Will + that He will perform all the necessary future miracles! How we praise Him!

When consul stamped ~~the~~ physical ex yesterday I said, "Is there anything else in the way?" — No, he said, "This is all in good order," — but passport has to be issued in Shanghai finally so that is all we know now — but there should be no trouble.

He mentioned one thing that is written in the laws they could require a bond of $500.00 at port of entry - Seattle — but he's never known it for students - here is the question of this. If one gets one from a banking Co - & then it isn't necessary then that's out — if one needs it & doesn't have it would mean detention in Seattle. Fortunately the port of entry will be Seattle — in spite!

e of his going on the Canadian boat - a boat meets his from Seattle + this Canadian boat waits for it so that will be no trouble. I'd ask Neal Anna to go up on it + meet him but I find this won't be necessary as all the questions + all will be at Seattle. At Victoria it is a simple transfer from one boat to another + his ticket will read to Seattle. So Anna won't need to go to Victoria — but it will be very necessary in Seattle + the immigration officials have to be convinced over again that record ing to this man here - My law firm it could be possible for you, Roy to meet him there too — then you + Anna be my representa tives as guarantor + I'll bring the matter if you have that much 500. — balance if you might write a check payable to Paul Jan + send it to Anna, if none of you can go up,

If just showing that check with what Bill have with him may be enuf to avoid a bond. (Mrs. J. here took in two students & they didn't have a bond but they were there personally to guarantee them but they had $200. in cash for one & 400 for the other. He will have about $500 with him. Say if you went this in case of need of bond then you could get it in Seattle. Understand there you get them & co- & pay interest on, so matter you might have enuf to lend that, the 500. check made out to P. J. would it need to be carried but just to have cash to show them, Ray, you a minister too, then to help speak for him would help. I realize it is all asking a lot — but it isn't even for me that I ask it but but for Him!

8 | his papers all passed by the consul here in Irvington + in Shanghai will be sent ahead to Seattle + there they'll go thru them again they contain Wheaton's guarantees, his brother's in post offices here, his sister's, two business men's + mine + his San's insurance receipts + mine — + this health examination. Beside this his Lay cholera shot, typhoid, + small pox vaccination. He understands much more English than he speaks fluently so he'll need someone to meet the immigration officers with him! So glad it will be Seattle + not Vancouver —

I pray about it —

Gardner is acting Shanghai consul general + I'll write later what he says —

Mother do you have some extra pillow cases + a sheet or two

If that is can begin with. He's got two pillow slips + four sheets

It may be that I'll go to Slaght's to get him off — that will see them from that end — my dear ones I just have to ask you in the Master's name to take him into your hearts + teach him + help him + plan — I'm still hunting that twins can go + my Big Four" prayer has included Noah's. Of course my vision of Ray taking all four in the new car + establishing them at Wheaton — is not impossible if — that is for His glory + we have the faith —

If — he or they must go alone Miss Martha Waplin, would go up from Indiana to meet him in Chicago + take them or him out to Wheaton. I

10] Miss Alice Eiviard works in the Institute & she might meet them. Mr. B. S. Foster on the M.B.I faculty (Clyde's cousin - you remember Nellie?) + lives at Wheaton, so he might meet them. I'm sure you'll know how to plan but I've thought of these possibilities & them more later. Mrs. Warner would but I'm not sure where she is - She was leaving Illinois May 1!!

I'll try to help him get as 10 or 15 min. witness ready I'm sure he'd be called on + he might if he can, go to the old churches Woodburn, Bethel, Aurora, Geneva to take my greetings + incidentally to enlist their prayers - Would have to take him - had not the visit likely

it to do it all alone — but you know — I just pray that the boys will love him + adapt him + teach him everything. It's not hard to like at all! I wish you could family like him so much!

It's apt to be returning — there has been one tremendous battle in this for him. All his life he's been so independent! His pride in others was like a heart - + felt ashamed of himself when I'd spin him gifts — like at Christmas etc. But to come to go this road of dependence on God, — thru people. Has been a big struggle to surrender to: However he is willing to: for His glory. So he doesn't want to trouble folks + will want to refuse everything but you just urge him to do what you think is best - + give him

things to eat etc — you may have to urge him. See in Chinese etiquette it is greedy & impolite to take something the first time offered (it even gets to a sham battle sometimes of "I give you" + you won't accept" — till the giver finally wins out) but I've told him + tried to help him to a frank openness for it — but you'll understand him better for this explanation. He fits in very easily. I'm sure you'll all like him — he'll ask to correct his English, table manners, tell him what to wear etc — just make him a son. It would be nice to go to camp with the boys if there is one. — Mother, I'll send you some more money for his board etc.

13] Now, Mumsie, dear I've had lots of things I couldn't write. I've written an account — a report of such I've wanted to write. I can't print it here — it wouldn't get out now would I — so you folks see what you can do with it. Martha will mail one to you & one to Miss Saxton (Board correspondent) I'll get a sheet ye Paul printed in a few days & that you can include in the letter when you get it done. Cut it if you want to; might do it on the multigraph — Do your best with it — for Christ's sake. I'll pay for printing. I'd like for each of it, Mumsie, names on list to have some of you & Ray see what will be best. Martha sails tomorrow so she will mail it to you after she gets her luggage at home. It is bonded thru to U.S. It just comes to me that that will delay the letter a good deal — I was thinking she could mail it on the boat. Maybe I'll send

14. a copy from Shanghai with U.S.
I'll see & little later will still
be the same - maybe better - just
let it go. If church of Christ in China -
Synod has begun - that is another
six days in midst of these busy days.
I'll admit I'm a bit unwilling
to put time on it just now. The train
has been cut again so delegates are
not here - about 10 - that makes me very
anxious when I'm gone —
I wanted to help Martha pack a bit
but couldn't leave this P.M. —
Am writing this last bit here.
Must close now & get this off.
Dear ones, I will be praying
that Paul's going will be a blessing
to you & I'm sure you will be a
blessing to him. May we all
feel whatever is for him - I'm sure
He will be glad — It surely is
in His Plan — — Much love
darling family — I'm thinking
the year will be soon gone —
till [illegible] time
Hadn't had time to go thru the letters this time —

Shanghai – July 28.

Dear Mother, I'm here with Paul. He sails
3 4- land Seattle 10 – Victoria 9. Please if
Roy doesn't go to meet Paul send a check mag
out to Paul Tan for $50.00 or more, as much as
is convenient, by registered mail to Cousin
Lima – it will not be used only as existing
of money available for affairs there, 500 if
as easy is better. Can't write much as overweight –
Hope Roy can go. – Much much love –
send check above so she surely get it –
Much much love – Thanks you all so
much – Dear

Please send on!

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
TSINGTAO, CHINA

July 22, 1938

Dear Ray + Eula + Mother + twins + Bud + Bessie:

This is to introduce Paul Tan to you. It's coming to you, in the Master's name, + whatever you do for him, just do for the love of the Master. If you can repay a half of the hospitality + love his family has given me I shall be glad — just a friendly loving welcome will do it. Take him to your heart + love him + you'll find as pure gold had to add to the family. I know I need not say the above either because I know you. + I know you'll help him in what ever way it. Don't expect him to be different + do not try to make a different for him. He'll fit in I'm sure most easily.

One thing I mentioned before — One thing which will help you to help him — For months he fought our going — because of the dependence it involved. From childhood he had it from his Mother this independence but he's worse. He's felt any one dependent was about like a beast + too slight gifts before felt ashamed. That made him appear ungrateful + indifferent. At last he surrendered that thought + to be willing to be dependent on God thru people!! Any appearance of unwillingness

on our parts will hurt him a close him up like a clam. I dis impression in this but it will help you to understand. I'll probably say anything that costs money or trouble for a letter is unnecessary — so use your own wisdom in urging what is necessary! He's plastic & so fine I think you'll all love him. I hope evidences of race prejudice if he must feel them eventually will not come for a long time — they may be inevitable from those who do not really love Christ. But till have to meet them when they come, but make him talk & be free to teach & correct him!!

A man here in Shanghai spoke of very cheap fare & suggested that way for them to go to College. Pay that you will know best. It may not be necessary to be met in Chicago if there is possibility of a thru ticket for baggage as well & no station change. He has Miss Wylie's address. She will go up & meet them if necessary - It will mean a special trip which we should avoid if possible.

He has quite a good & complete outfit. Things are cheaper here & it seemed best to get a supply that would last pretty well thru the years there. Of course some will be needed later on. His family's money too went into them. Ray he has a statement which Mr. Young felt entitled him to clergy rates. You please help him with it. Have you a safe? for his passport etc?

He is bringing some small gifts to each of you. They are very small but carry lots of love to each one of my dear ones —

We've had busy days in Shanghai that! Thru have been wonderful evidences of God's daily leading — so we're all the more sure it is of God — Hate you all so Will be there by this time next year — Lovingly, Thru —

3. Roy, just take him as your son + plan for him with the boys. If it seems not necessary for Martta to make the long trip up. Mr D. L. Foster, (Lyle's cousin) lives at Wheaton + is an M.B.I staff, you remember him Mattie, he might do all necessary for Item. But please let Martta know in time for sure whether or not she is to go up. Mattie, didn't get all thru the Wheaton catalogues with him, please do that with him will you? So there will be things that he doesn't understand. He can type the addresses for the report letter. What did you do with it. The one Martta Wylie mailed you? Were you able to get it done somewhere - Sorry it couldn't be here + had to trouble you. I'll have the mission Treas. make you a draft for $35.00 & give a little balance there to cover postage, printing, + extra expense you'll be to for Paul. If Roy went up for him give him some for gasoline. If he eats a meal is some you folks divide - you'll know. I don't want him to be a burden in any way that is necessary. I'm sure you will not feel it so but I want to do this. Thank you all so for all the love + welcome you will give him. If Mary F. is there give her my love - maybe she'd like to have a hand in helping Paul - I'll not want to bother your time but you plan for him!

4. On my return from Shanghai I found some more letters
Thanks you so. I've a pile here to look thru. I'm sorry
you had a gap with no letters! I guess that was the
last week before I came in & mails went past
& I may just not have written planning to write from
in Tsingtao — I'm sorry!
Just looked over a Mar. 3rd letter. Thanks for picture of
Phil Hobart — at first I thought she was Marion Hotch.
That is nice this having a trip to California.
You've had the letter long ago thanking you for the
bags pictures, You've had the gifts now from Paul.
I hope she didn't have to pay duty — if so we will
this card is enuf to get to Wheaton.
I hope that request for you to write a check for Paul
to send to me was no trouble — nor inconvenience. I
had no way to get an answer from you first & on
the air letter could only speak so briefly! I thought
since it was it to be cashed but only evidence
that it would possible for you & might save him
a lot of trouble — How did it work out? I'm
just full of questions about it all. Please tell
me. I do hope your wrist is better! You don't
mentioned it again so perhaps it is!
I'm likely is too late to say yes let Helen bring the
things on — I fear she comes in September — wonder does
she go right on to Peking from Japan or to Shanghai
If she lands in Shanghai perhaps she should leave
them there with China Council. There are often
folks going down & coming. If she goes direct
from Japan she could mail them & if that
isn't easy just take them on.

5) Yes, the $5 can be given to Paul tell him to make record of it - with her name + address + he should write a thank-you note for Eula to enclose in her letter or let him write especially. Please see that her name + address are on the list for the report that I'll send of the final miracle of his going. I'll do it this P.M. (unknown) + you may get it (printed) in time to add to what you have of the report that Martta mailed you.

Richard drives the car? No the flood hasn't bothered me. We're clear of it. Tell Paul to tell you about the refugee camp in Shanghai. Thank those who pray + remember! Nice trip to Corvallis. I went thru there once - I don't recall. It is a fine town, as I recall. Later matter, am just back from a little spin in "Drippy" took mail to Sw Tang + back. Had to come back to bank + want to finish this letter + get it in P.O. Have one for Paul so tell not to be long without mail. I must go again for mail. Hadn't gotten a new diet for "Drippy" so stuff stopped me. Cook went today. His cooks is fine his coffee + raisins + is a great joy. Mrs. C. may want him on her return. Can't afford such an expensive one for country sitter — I'll send one for country sitter —

Miss Hue sends her love to you.

Mumie mine, furlough plans - I fondly know - All I repeat is that I'll love to go over most of State of Oregon - I mean I want to visit those who are supporting me. How I hope to be able to be with Paul some at Wheaton. How that can be I don't know. Whether by

better we might all be there — whether you might rent & keep house for Twins & Jim & Noah — or whether the Board will want me to pay for them. To get my fare East I must speed to no. Ellen — maybe ask to study tho I don't really expect to do a lot of study — if I could at Wheaton it would be fine. But that I guess will have to work out. Just how the travelling will be managed there in Oregon, maybe you can find out in Portland — there wasn't any plan last time, you remember. Except someone got me a pass. If we were to go to Wheaton it would mean the Board would be in those months immediately after arrival. See I'm not much for Board's point of view to go East if Home is West. Where you live is more or more is Home!

This will all work out. I'm sure in this Italy will —

Big bears — Much love

Irene

notions to reread & correct!